

SMART and DDOT both provide bus service in the area. SMART serves the area with park-and-ride routes connecting Livonia and Farmington to downtown Detroit and routes along Plymouth and Schoolcraft. DDOT provides service to the area through its Plymouth, Schoolcraft, Evergreen and Southfield routes.

4.2.3 CN Moterm

The CN Moterm terminal is located in the City of Ferndale in Oakland County. The property has been zoned industrial since 1929 when the rail yard was developed by the Grand Trunk and Western Railroad.

The local study area around CN Moterm has been defined as an area bounded by I-696 on the north, 7 Mile Road on the south, I-75 on the east, and Woodward Avenue on the west (Figure 9). Approximately one-third of the area is in Wayne County with the balance in Oakland County. Land uses in the study area are a blend of industrial, commercial, and residential uses. The Michigan State Fairgrounds is located to the south of the terminal.

The CN Moterm local study area has a population of about 27,000 people as of the 2000 Census. The minority population in the area is approximately 23 percent with a Hispanic population of about two percent. Approximately 19 percent of the population in the area lives below the poverty level.

CN Moterm has direct access to two interstates, I-696 running east/west and I-75 running north/south. Primary exits along I-696 that serve the area include Woodward Avenue (exit 16), Schaefer Highway (exit 14), and I-75 (exit 18). Primary exits along I-75 that serve the area include 9 Mile Road (exit 60), 8 Mile Road (exit 59), and 6 Mile Road (exit 57). The area is also served by State Highway 1 (Woodward Avenue), linking downtown Detroit with Pontiac and by State Highway 102 (8 Mile Road).

I-696 forms the northern part of the Southeast Michigan metro area's beltway. It originates at I-75 in St. Clair Shores to the east and terminates at I-96 and I-275 in the Farmington Hills and Novi area to the west.

I-75 is a major north-south interstate highway that connects Miami, Fla., to the south and Sault Ste. Marie to the north in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. I-75 is a major economic corridor that is critical to Michigan's and the nation's economy.

Several public transportation routes also serve the area. SMART provides bus service to the area with its Woodward and John R routes as well as east/west routes along 8 Mile and 9 Mile Roads. DDOT maintains routes along Woodward, 8 Mile Road, and 7 Mile Road.

4.3 Project Status

Work has been underway on the Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal Project since 1993. Work since 1994 has focused on consolidation of regional intermodal activity at one location. The expected costs and benefits of such consolidation (a condominium concept) were developed in 1993/1994 by Mercer Management Consulting. They were compared to a No Action scenario (Tables 3 and 4). The No Action scenario is where intermodal growth is accommodated at existing GDA terminals, by the railroads on their own, rather than at a consolidated terminal at which government assistance will be provided.